



Paul Describes Living by God's Spirit

Romans 8:9-17

IN
CLASS



Fruit
of the
Spirit



BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

The good news is that we don't have to be controlled by our sinful natures—not when we belong to God! When we believe in Jesus and belong to him, God sends his Spirit to guide us. While we still may choose to sin, God's Spirit is always there when we repent and ask for forgiveness. Paul tells us that having God's Spirit in us is like being adopted by God. We're God's children, and we become his heirs.

Bible Point: When we live by God's spirit, God changes us.

Key Verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23a).

Family Fruit Salad



Work together as a family to make fruit salad for dessert one night this week. As you prepare the fruit, tell each other what positive ways you see each person living out the fruit of the Spirit. For example, you might say to your mom, "I love the way you take the time to be patient with me when I'm having trouble with my math homework." Make sure each family member hears a positive comment.

Before you dig in, thank God for his Spirit to guide us each day. Pray that your family will be open to God's leading. Then enjoy your dessert!

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave

faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Turn on a fan in your bedroom, and thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit to change you.
- Retell today's Bible story to your friends at school, and explain that when we live by God's Spirit, God changes us.
- Read a Bible story with a family member, and then thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help you understand his Word.

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY John 14:26

What has the Holy Spirit taught you recently?

TUESDAY Romans 8:26

When do you need the Holy Spirit most?

WEDNESDAY 1 Corinthians 2:12

Why do you think God freely gives us his Spirit?

THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 6:19

What does this verse mean to you? How can you treat your "temple" better?

FRIDAY Galatians 5:17

Where can you improve in your walk with God? What areas do you need most help with so that the Spirit is leading you?

SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 3:6

How does the Spirit give life? How can you thank God for the gift of his Spirit?

PARENT STUMPER

Q: Who testifies that we are God's children?

A: the Spirit

